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This is in response to the Office Action mailed on April 2, 2007, in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application, which set a period of 31 days for response. Response is due, therefore by May 3, 2007; this response is timely filed.

Claims 9-13 are currently pending in the application. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372:

- I. Claims 9-12, drawn to methods of treating/preventing/inhibiting sepsis in an animal; and
- II. Claim 13, drawn to a method of screening substances which stimulate carbohydrate moieties of gangliosides.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect the claims of Group I (claims 9-12) drawn to methods of treating/preventing/inhibiting sepsis in an animal. The election is made without traverse and without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected claims in additional applications.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Attorney at the telephone number given below if any further questions arise in connection with this Application.

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